

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 936
By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Bernardino D. Marcelo upon being named Outstanding Practitioner of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of this body pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernardino D. Marcelo of Hawkins County is one such outstanding person, who, in conjunction with his wife, Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo, has recently been named the Outstanding Practitioner of the Year by the Tennessee Primary Care Association. This amazing couple will celebrate fifty years of practicing medicine together on March 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Philippines, Dr. Marcelo graduated from Manila Central University with an Associate in Arts and received his Doctor of Medicine from the College of Medicine and Surgery of Manila Central University in 1955; and

WHEREAS, completing rotating internships with Manila Central University Hospital and Saint Luke Hospital in Newburg, New York, Dr. Bernardino Marcelo served residencies with St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Arizona, St. Joseph Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York, Sharon General Hospital in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Robinson Memorial Portage County Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, after marrying his beloved wife in 1959, this exemplary medical professional served as the House Physician at Weirton General Hospital in Weirton, West Virginia, from 1961 until 1964, when he accepted the same position with St. John's Hospital in Steubenville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to West Virginia in 1965 to join a group practice at the Fairmont Clinic in Fairmont, Dr. Marcelo eventually opened a private practice with his wife, first in Berkeley Springs and then Moundsville and Wheeling, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, upon relocating to Tennessee in 1987, Dr. Marcelo first joined the Linden Medical Clinic in Linden, Tennessee, for two years until he finally arrived in Hawkins County in 1989, where he became an active member of the Rogersville community as a primary care provider with the Family Healthcare Medical Center of Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, part of the Rural Health Service Consortium, Dr. Marcelo served on the staff of Hawkins County Memorial Hospital from 1989 until 1999 and was a member of the facility's Emergency Room, Surgical Case Review, Utilization Review Committee, and Library Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernardino Marcelo, commonly referred to as "Dr. B," has captured the hearts of patients with his caring way, wonderful sense of humor, and dedication to their personal well being. He often goes beyond the role of general practitioner to provide for the needs of those patients restricted by a lack of income, a lack of insurance, or the ability to travel distances to obtain specialty care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcelo is an influential member and leader in several professional organizations, including the Hawkins County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the John Sevier Chapter of AAFP; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary practitioner, Dr. Bernardino Marcelo is certified by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates, the ACLS, and the BLS, and he has received the Physician Recognition Award from the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Tennessee, Dr. Marcelo has served as a member of the medical staffs of Morgan County War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glendale, West Virginia; Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling, West Virginia; Perry Memorial Hospital in Linden, Tennessee; and Lewis County General Hospital in Hohenwald, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcelo truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated physician who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality healthcare for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Bernardino D. Marcelo on being named as an Outstanding Practitioner of the Year by the Tennessee Primary Care Association, commend his exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.